

# Compo-Board

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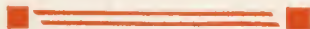
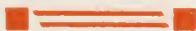


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ITS MANY USES IN  
THE HOME, FACTORY ETC.



THE  
COMPO-BOARD CO.  
MINNEAPOLIS



## What Compo-Board Is

Compo-Board is not a substitute for lath and plaster in the common meaning of that word. It is because Compo-Board is so unlike the ordinary substitute for lath and plaster, the so-called wall boards, both in the way it is constructed and its strong points of superiority—in its moisture-proof character, strength, durability and other good qualities that we want to make these points clear.

We claim, and our claims have been proven by test of over twelve years and by thousands of satisfied users, that Compo-Board is a much more satisfactory lining for walls and ceilings than lath and plaster or any of its substitutes. More than this, our customers claim that Compo-Board is a very satisfactory material for a great many uses other than for walls and ceilings and partitions. In this booklet we will suggest some of these many uses for Compo-Board, as well as to tell you how it can be used to your greatest advantage and satisfaction as an ideal wall lining both in your home and your place of business.

### How Compo-Board Is Constructed.

Compo-Board is manufactured all 4 feet wide,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch thick, and from 1 to 16 feet in length.

Compo-Board, as its name implies, is a composition Board. Referring to cut below, you will see that it has three principal parts; its surfaces of heavy paper, the wooded core and the cement. The cement is of very great strength, and the slats thoroughly dried and put in indiscriminately as to grain, which prevents warping.

The whole, after the parts are assembled, being subjected to very heavy pressure and intense heat, makes a smooth, straight sheet of very great strength.

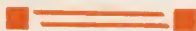
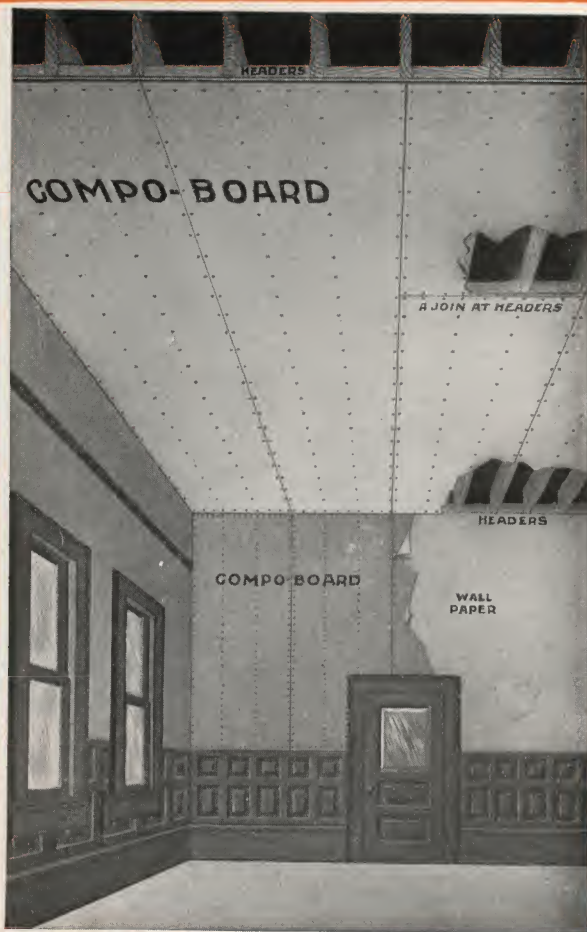


Nos. 1 and 5, Heavy Paper      Nos. 2 and 4, Air Tight Cement

No. 3, Wooden Slats

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 Feet Long





## Compo-Board is better than Lath and Plaster

### The Qualities of Compo-Board

#### Strength.

The manner in which Compo-Board is manufactured makes it remarkably strong and durable, Compo-Board nailed on studding, 16-inch centers, will stand a strain of six hundred and fifty pounds.

Any mechanic can see at once that these wide, long, stiff boards going clear across the ceiling and walls of the house, and being firmly nailed, must give a house a more thorough bracing that can be possible with any other wall lining. It is not affected by shocks or vibrations, as these testimonials will prove:

"In building an addition to my house, I lined it with Compo-Board instead of plaster. The recent earthquake shock did not make a particle of impression on it in any manner, but it so stiffened the walls that the portion of the house covered with Compo-Board was not racked in the slightest. I unhesitatingly recommend Compo-Board." E. Kay, San Jose, Calif.

"The Compo-Board I purchased was used in the ceiling of a room where I had trouble in making ordinary plaster stay. The floor joists were 2x6, 2-foot centers, 14 feet long, and in walking on the floor above the ceiling vibrated to such an extent that ordinary plaster would become loose and fall off. The Compo-Board stays on and I am well satisfied with it." E. H. Duncan, Cannon Falls, Minn.

"We have purchased Compo-Board at various times during the past four years, and a considerable percentage of it has been used for covering the walls in the buildings at our mines, where the frequent blasting would make it impossible to keep plaster on the wall. So far as I am aware, it has proven very satisfactory for that purpose." Utah Copper Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.



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## Compo-Board is absolutely Moisture Proof



### Impervious to Heat and Cold.

Compo-Board is air-tight. It keeps the cold air out and the heat in. In winter it keeps your house warm with less fire—saves on fuel bills; in summer the hot air is kept out.

After you have lived one winter in a house lined with Compo-Board, and have found how comfortable and warm a house could be, tell your friends, if you have not already done so, how much Compo-Board contributed to your comfort and happiness. These experiences are worthy of thought:

"My dwelling was fixed up with Compo-Board and in the coldest night in winter I never had anything freeze. Too much cannot be said in its favor." W. C. Brown, Cimarron, Colo.

"The Compo-Board purchased by me was used in place of plaster in a dwelling. I consider it superior to plaster. It is a non-conductor of heat and cold, and therefore warmer in winter and cooler in summer." R. O. Brown, Selby, S. D.

### Moisture-Proof.

One reason why Compo-Board is better than lath and plaster is because plaster always contains a certain amount of moisture, and that is why plastered houses are sometimes

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## Compo-Board produces beautiful Panel Effects

so damp, cold and unsanitary. Compo-Board, being air-tight and non-porous, cannot absorb moisture. It keeps rooms dry, sanitary and healthy.

"I own two brick buildings which would become very damp on eastern and northern sides during rain or long damp spells. I fastened furring strips on the walls and to this the Compo-Board. This was in April, 1908, and we have had no complaint since." B. W. Buffington, Doe Run, Pa.

"I used Compo-Board in a brick dwelling which had always been damp. The Compo-Board being used to prevent dampness the walls were furred and Compo-Board used instead of plastering. It has proven satisfactory." Gust Reinke, Sandusky, Ohio.

### Fire Resisting.

Some seem to think, on a careless examination of Compo-Board, that it is liable to render a house more inflammable than lath and plaster, but more careful examination will show that this is not so.

The only exposed surfaces are the two faces of close pressed paper and that is not inflammable at all. In case of fire a room acts like an inverted packing box and as there can be no draft until the fire has eaten its way through the Compo-Board walls and ceiling the chances of putting out the fire are better than in a plastered room. While plaster itself may not burn it generally drops as soon as heat strikes it, allowing the fire to reach the lath, studdings and timber, which are usually bone dry, and find its way to the upper stories and often set all parts of the building on fire within a very short while.

Compo-Board has been used for years in many of the largest cities and has been passed upon favorably by Fire Chiefs and Underwriters wherever it has been submitted to them.

As a matter of fact, we have an account of a fire which occurred several years ago at Coney Island, N. Y., where the Chief of the



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## Compo-Board is a perfect Lining for Poultry Houses



fire department himself admitted that if the building had been plastered it would have burned down, whereas, it was lined with Compo-Board and they succeeded in putting out the fire in the room in which it originated, although a terrific gale was blowing at the time.

### Durability.

Compo-Board will outlast the building itself. It cannot fall and will not chip and mar when some article of furniture is thrown against it. It cannot fall off and if you happen to strike the wall with a corner of the table or a door knob, when a door is thrown open suddenly, you need not look for a hole in the wall, for there will not be any.

"I used Compo-Board in my house in place of lath and plaster about four years ago, and wish to say that it is giving satisfaction in every way. There have been no holes knocked in it although it has been used very roughly. It is good and warm, easy to put on and saves all the bother and dirt of plastering. I recommend it to every one." Geo. D. Cligh, Lake, Nebr.

We have hundreds of letters from people who have lined their homes with Compo-Board from ten to twelve years ago and their walls and ceilings are in perfect condition today.

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## Compo-Board will never Warp or Crack

"I have a two-story eight-room house that is lined throughout with Compo-Board. This was put on twelve years ago and has given entire satisfaction. It is apparently as good now as when it was put on." John Davidson, Lee, Mont.

"About ten years ago in rebuilding my home I finished four rooms and a half-round bay window with Compo-Board, and two years ago built two new rooms, and used Compo-Board again for interior finish and also a hall partition, which speaks my appreciation of same." Geo. E. Jenks, Lafayette, Ind.

### Comparative Cost of Lath and Plaster and Compo-Board.

In comparing the cost of the two always remember that when plastering is figured by the yard it includes all the openings for doors and windows. So that when you agree to pay 25 cents per yard for your lath and plaster you are really paying from 30c to 35c per yard of actual surface, while with Compo-Board you pay only for the actual surface covered, and there need be no waste at all. Every scrap and piece can be used up somewhere about the house.

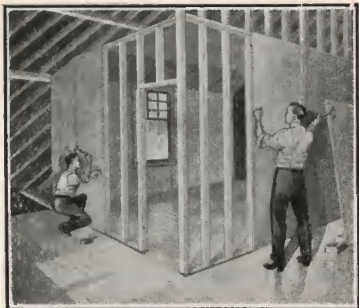
While Compo-Board costs about the same as lath and plaster to begin with, the first cost is the only expense. You will not have to pay for repairing and replastering.

"I built a large kitchen to my house and finished it with Compo-Board. I must say that it is just IT. It saves time, is warmer in winter and cooler in summer, and is 100 per cent cheaper than plaster when it is put on right. I gave it a coat of paint, and must say I am more than pleased with it."—Wm. Thom, Whiteplains, N. J.

### Compo-Board Saves Time.

So far as a contractor is concerned, he can figure on a large saving in time by being able to finish up a house at once and without going back and refitting doors, etc., as there is no swelling of doors and windows like there is where plaster is used.

"I commenced a job this morning which I



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## Compo-Board Surface will not Peel Off



got, although I was the highest bidder. My bid was accepted on account of being able to complete the work fifteen days sooner than the other contractor, because I was going to use Compo-Board.

"Here is what happened on another job. Compo-Board delivered yesterday at 3 p. m., put up at 11 a. m. today, papered at 2 p. m. and the room will be occupied tonight.

"I have used Compo-Board on cold, damp walls and it has given entire satisfaction." John B. Walls, Philadelphia, Pa.

## The Uses of Compo-Board

Your carpenter need not leave your house from the time the foundation is laid until you are ready to move in. There is no waiting for the water to dry out or in, as your wall comes to you perfectly dry. After it is put up the casings and other finish can be put on at once and painted. Whatever decorations you see fit to apply to your walls can be applied at once and your house is ready to move into.

Compo-Board is nailed directly to the studding. The entire job can be completed in less than one-third of the time it takes to lath and plaster. It is so light and easily cut, quick and clean to work with that it is the ideal material to use

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## Compo-Board resists fire by preventing drafts

when one wishes to do part of the building without the services of a carpenter.

It can also be nailed over old plaster, making a new room without the usual mess and litter of a newly plastered job.

Nearly all the wall boards on the market today have to be paneled. Compo-Board does not, although it can be paneled if so desired. It will take paint, paper, kalsomine or any standard finish as perfectly as a plastered wall.

If you want to panel Compo-Board a very attractive and inexpensive panel effect can be secured by laying a smooth, plain piece of lumber over the joints. The pictures in this booklet will suggest many pretty and appropriate designs. Your architect, decorator, or perhaps, you, yourself, can work out some original and clever effects.

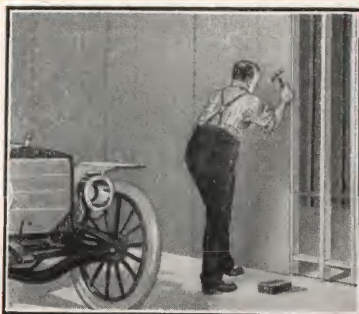
Every purchaser of Compo-Board is given full instructions for putting on.

### For Extra Rooms, Partitions, Etc.

Your old plastered rooms can be made new and attractive. The barren attic can be partitioned off into comfortable and pleasant rooms, for a study, extra bedroom, billiard room, play room, servant's room, etc. The cold, damp basement can be changed into dry and serviceable rooms for laundry, work shop, store room, etc. Large rooms can be divided into two by the use of movable partitions. Your bath room can be given an attractive and appropriate paint or panel finish.

### For Lining Summer Homes, Garages, Etc.

Compo-Board is an ideal lining for summer cottages, making them cozy and neat as your city home. It keeps out the heat and makes the house cool and comfortable. An old barn or outbuilding can be remodeled into a garage, gymnasium, playhouse, work shop, studio, etc.



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## Compo-Board will Last as long as You Live



"Used Compo-Board to line and finish my garage—did not paint, paper or cover in any way. It is very satisfactory indeed clean, neat and serviceable." M. R. Faulkner, Vineland, N. J.

"We used Compo-Board for walls and ceiling in remodeling an old log house. The house has a large chimney and fireplace and with a wide porch running the full length in front, making an artistic bungalow. The inside finish of Compo-Board is very satisfactory, and admired by all who see it." W. O. Clark, Gentry, Ark.

### For Making Useful Articles.

If you are handy at tools, or if you have a boy who likes to make things, you will find Compo-Board a good material to work with and better than wood in many ways. It makes splendid wardrobes; dry, vermin-proof boxes to pack your clothes in.

"I used Compo-Board for bottoms of drawers in vestment cases in sacristy. They serve the purpose exceedingly well, and I am more than pleased with it." Rev. A. Lawrence Boell, McKeesport, Pa.

"I have used Compo-Board for partitions in office buildings and find it quickly put on. I also used it for back, bottom and top of a wall case, and for the bottom of a floor case. **It made it absolutely dust proof.**" A. F. Walter, Chatsworth, Ill.

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## Compo-Board has a Multitude of Uses

Here are some of the things that can be made from it:

Wardrobes  
Waste baskets  
Enlarging cameras  
Fireless cookers  
Bathroom cabinet  
Taborets  
Sewing tables

Doll house  
Picture mounts  
Lap boards  
Paneled screens  
Magazine cabinets  
Music stand  
Mounting maps

Drawing boards  
Tool racks  
Medicine cabinets  
Checker boards  
Chess boards  
Shirtwaist box

### Compo-Board on the Farm.

Many farmers have found Compo-Board indispensable for various uses about the house and farm. Barns, poultry houses, storehouses and other buildings lined with it are dry, sanitary and easy to keep clean.

### Compo-Board in Office, Store and Factory.

Compo-Board is just as suitable for lining offices and factories as for the home. It is especially valuable for partitioning off private offices, for making telephone booths, consultation rooms and movable partitions, such as used in dentists and doctor's offices.

"We have used Compo-Board for wide panels for office fronts painted and grained directly on Compo-Board so successfully that few people have known the goods were other than the woods they represented." I. H. Bogart & Son, Boston, Mass.

Factories, garages and many other places offer opportunities for partitioning off of office space, rest room for employes, etc.

"In changing a large livery stable into an automobile garage and show room at N. W. Corner of Board and Cherry Sts., we found that we did not have time to have show rooms and offices plastered, so we decided to use Compo-Board, which gave us better results in every way. We find that if Compo-Board is properly put up there can be no future trouble with same. On all of our alterations we use nothing else but Compo-Board and a number of the large automobile



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## Compo-Board will make Dry, Warm Rooms



show rooms in Philadelphia are lined with it, and are today receiving excellent results. We have used at least twenty-five thousand square feet, and can recommend it highly." Matthew M. Potter Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

### For Window Display, Exhibition Booths, Etc.

Compo-Board is used extensively in large stores for making artistic window displays and advertising booths. Here again, it lends itself to an endless variety of attractive designs, panel effects and decorative possibilities

"We are pleased to call your attention to our eighth of a mile of show windows that contain Compo-Board backgrounds. In these windows we have given the Board very severe tests, as to finishing; some of them are oak finished and grained, some are water colored tinted, some are fresco painted, and others are finished with wall paper. In fact, we have given it all the various finishes that any up-to-date room requires. In addition to this we have made regular window backgrounds of them. One of the best usages that we have put Compo-Board to is temporary backgrounds and window dividers. These have been in use three and four years and have not warped or gotten out of shape in any way up to the present time." New England Furniture & Carpet Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

"We have used Compo-Board for several years for different purposes and find it very satisfactory. It is especially good for small partitions and display purposes about the store, as it never warps." Scruggs, Vandervoort, Barney Dry Goods Co., St. Louis.

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## Compo-Board can be put on by Any One

Over 70,000 feet of Compo-Board was used at the Child's Welfare Exhibit, in Chicago, for booths and as screen backgrounds on which to display pictures, maps, signs, etc., with very satisfactory results.

"We selected Compo-Board as the best adapted for screen backgrounds on which to display the pictures, maps, signs, etc., forming a part of our publicity at the Child Welfare Exhibit. We were very much pleased with the results. They were satisfactory in every way." The Child Welfare Exhibit, Coliseum, Chicago.

### A Tent Made With Compo-Board.

Here is an interesting letter from a party that found a novel use for Compo-Board:

"Sometime ago I wrote to different concerns for samples of boards to substitute for lath and plaster. Your sample seemed to be the only one worth considering. I ordered a small quantity from which I made a portable concession booth to take the place of a tent. It cost me about one-fourth what a tent would cost and I have a good substantial booth. I have put it to several other uses other than what it is made for." Royal Novelty Co., Homestead, Pa.

### Compo-Board Used For Other Purposes.

Many manufacturers are using Compo-Board to take the place of wood. They have found it better than wood for many purposes, such as, drawer bottoms, backs of mirrors, wardrobes, book cases, wall cases, cabinet backs of kitchen cabinets, stage scenery, blackboards, lining of incubators, lining of refrigerators, large calendar backs, advertising novelty figures, church organ construction, and a great many other purposes. Below we give a few letters from Manufacturers who have used Compo-Board:

"We have used Como-Board for a number of years and have found it to be very satisfactory for use in numerous places in our work. We use it for backs and bottoms in wall cases, for floors in some of our show cases and wherever we have considerable paneling to do, we use Compo-Board.

"We find it to be superior to the wood panels as it does not warp and can be painted very nicely and can also be used where a felt covering is required as the felt sticks to it very well. We do not hesitate to recommend this material to any one's use and feel quite sure that they will be as thoroughly satisfied as we have been." Grand Rapids Show Case Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

"We have used Compo-Board in church organ construction and have found it very satisfactory, having used it for a number of years." The Bennet Organ Co., Rock Island, Ill.

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"For several years we have been using Compo-Board exclusively in all of our kitchen cabinet backs. As you are aware a kitchen cabinet is subject to violent changes of temperature and humidity when placed in an ordinary kitchen, and the Compo-Board stands the strain the best of anything we have ever used in that place. You will please feel at liberty to refer anyone in the same line of business to us." Minneapolis Furniture Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

"We are pleased to advise that we have used Compo-Board in our brass poster frames for theatres, which we manufacture, and are pleased to say that they have proven to be highly satisfactory. As the frames are subjected to the elements, it was necessary to obtain a backing in the frames that would be non-warpable, and at the same time serviceable, and we were elated when we found that Compo-Board would meet these conditions." The Newman Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Compo-Board is also used for packing goods for export where an air-tight moisture-proof package is needed.

Compo-Board is sold through dealers. Some dealer in nearly every town handles it and can give you full information, as to cost, how to figure quantity you will need, etc.

We do not fill mail orders, except where we cannot supply the demand through some dealer.

If you do not know who handles Compo-Board in your vicinity write us and we will tell you where you can get it to the best advantage.

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